

for work. In one of the waiting rooms there were counted 48 girls, ranging from 14 years to 20. A large number of them were continuously studying the Want-Ad columns of the newspapers. Some of the girls were in groups, but many were alone, and a large number spent all day without food.

"One girl said in answer to questions of the investigator that her landlady gave her something to eat in the morning, that she absolutely had not a cent, that she owed for six weeks' board, and that she walked down town and trusted to picking up a newspaper, as she hadn't a cent to buy one.

"The men procurers come two or three together, and use all sorts of schemes to get acquainted with the girls. Other public waiting rooms, such as those in railway stations, are used in this manner. In any place where the poorer girls congregate, there are found the largest number of procurers.

"After this investigation, a report was made to the managers of department stores, and conditions were much improved; but all public waiting rooms should be supervised and policed. It is believed that during the past winter the conditions in the department store waiting rooms have deteriorated. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety for young girls.

"In Chapter IV, 'Sources of Supply,' attention is called to the wages received by girls in department stores. It is shown there that these wages are very low, hardly enough to supply the necessities of life, especially if the employe happens to be alone in the city and thrown on her own resources. The temptations, therefore, to a moneyless girl to accept invitations, even from strangers, for luncheon, dinner or the theater, are very great. One night, while an investigator was in the (X126a) and (X126b) cafes on (X126c) avenue, he saw five salesgirls in these places whom he recognized as being from a department store.

"The fining system, under the guise of maintaining discipline, which exists in some of the stores, should be regulated by law."

Aged Man Held in Jail While Murdered Wife Is Buried.

Oconomowoc, Wis., Nov. 18.—The funeral of Mrs. August Hoge, 85, mysteriously murdered in her home here, and for whose death her 89-year-old husband is charged, was held today.

Still vigorously and tearfully protesting his innocence, the aged man begged the Waukesha coun-

ty jail authorities to allow him to attend the services. This was denied.

Hoge will be arraigned Monday morning for preliminary hearing. An examination as to his sanity will be made.

Iron furnaces, found in Sweden, are said to date back 2,000 years. Oh, we're not so warm nowadays!